

## Biodiversity Record: The nudibranch, *Hypselodoris confetti*, off Pulau Hantu

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**Subject:** *Hypselodoris confetti* (Mollusca: Gastropoda: Nudibranchia: Chromodorididae).

**Subject identified by:** Hsini Lin and Toh Chay Hoon.

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Strait off Pulau Hantu north jetty; 15 February 2026; around 1025 hrs.

**Habitat:** Marine. Coral reef. On silty seabed at 15.1 m depth.

**Observers:** Chloe Chiang, Robert Tan, Helen Wu, Grace Chiang and Chiang Hock Woon.

**Observation:** One individual of about 15 mm (Figs. 1–3) was observed moving around on the seabed.



Fig. 1. Dorso-lateral view of the subject. (Photograph by: Robert Tan). Fig. 2. Dorso-lateral view of the subject under dimmer lighting. (Photograph by: Chloe Chiang). Fig. 3. Close-up of a rear view of the subject (Photograph by: Helen Wu).

**Remarks:** This species was previously referred to as *Hypselodoris kanga* (e.g., Tan & Yeo, 2003; Chua, 2007; Tan & Woo, 2008; but see Epstein et al., 2018). However, *Hypselodoris kanga* possesses interconnecting black lines on its dorsum/notum, which *Hypselodoris confetti* lacks (see Gosliner et al., 2018). *Hypselodoris kanga* is an Indian Ocean species (Epstein et al., 2018). Compared to the specimen illustrated in Gosliner et al. (2018), as well as individuals from Chek Jawa shown in Tan & Yeo (2003) and Chua (2007), the colours on the featured specimen, presumably a juvenile, seem duller and the spots appear to be larger.

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